Optical Remote Sensing for Fugitive Emissions Measurement

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Environmental Issue:

Measuring Air Pollution from Fugitive Sources

- Industrial
- Agriculture
- Remediation

- Landfill
- Mobile Source Emg. Response

Due to the spatial extent and non-homogenous nature of fugitive sources, quantification of total pollutant emission using traditional point sampling and modeling techniques can be problematic. A method for rapid and direct measurement of pollutant emission flux from fugitive sources is highly desirable.



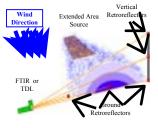
Technical Solution:

Optical Remotes Sensing and Flux Algorithm

Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) or Tunable Diode Laser (TDL) spectroscopy obtains pollutant concentration information along multiple paths. The pollutant data and wind information are inputs to a computational algorithm called Vertical Radial Plume Mapping (VRPM). VRPM yields a direct measure of the pollutant mass emission flux for the fugitive source under study.

- Automated Measurement (FTIR, TDL)
- Automated Analysis (VRPM)
- Real-time Emission Flux Data
- Demonstration at Product Expo

Example: Ammonia Emission from Lagoon Spraying Operation





Period 1: (12:49:13:26) 12	Period 2: (12:26:14:04) 12
Period 3: (14:04-14:41) Emission Flux = 1.15 g/s Sign = 1.15 g/s Sign = 1.15 g/s Sign = 1.15 g/s Conward Ehance (mean)	Period 4: (14:41-15:17) 12

Time Period	Emission Flux (g/s)	Wind Speed (m/s)	Wind Direction (Deg.)	Correlation Factor	
1	0.86	4.64	45.5	0.979	
2	0.97	4.40	47.2	0.983	
3	1.15	4.08	46.8	0.989	
4	1.27	4.34	35.3	0.990	
Average	1.06	4.37	43.72	0.985	
Standard Deviation	0.23	0.64	13.95	0.011	

Impact:

Enables Direct Measurement of Fugitive Sources For Emission Inventory and Model Development

- Bioreactor and Superfund Landfills
- Concentrated Agricultural Operations
- Homeland Security Applications
- Brownfield and Remediation Assessment

Partnerships:

Government, University and Industry Partners

- USDA
- DHS
- DOD

- EPA OWSER
- EPA R1
- EPA R8

- Univ. of KY
- NCSU

Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority

- GA Tech
- Waste Management Inc.